

in FIG. 6B, when the proximal end portion 6b is inserted in the groove 7c, a connection terminal 6c of a common electrode formed on the proximal end portion 6b projects downward from the housing 7. When the piezo-electric actuating elements 6 are inserted in the groove 7c, the electrodes on the front and rear surfaces at the proximal end portions 6b of the piezo-electric actuating elements 6 are directly connected to the corresponding pairs of lead terminals 7a through solder portions 7d and are thus fixed to the housing 7. The connection terminal 6c of the common electrode is connected and fixed to the bottom plate 10 together with the eight lead terminals 7a, as shown in FIG. 3. At the same time, the control drive circuits 8 are also connected to the bottom plate 10 through the connectors 8b.

FIG. 7C shows the result of an experiment conducted for examining the relationship between the stroke and the depression force of the sensing rod 3 of the braille type cell module constituted in the manner as described above. An angle θ , defined by the mounting plane 5d of the second lever 5b on which the sensing rod 3 is mounted, and the horizontal direction were determined as a parameter, and the experiment was conducted with $\theta = -15^\circ, 0^\circ, 15^\circ$, and 30° . The four cases of this experiment will be compared. In the case indicated by an alternate long and two short dashed lines for $\theta = -15^\circ$, the depression force is smallest at a point where the stroke is 0 mm. In the case indicated by a solid line for $\theta = 0^\circ$, the depression force is largest at a point where the stroke is 0.8 mm. In the case indicated by a broken line for $\theta = 30^\circ$, the depression force is largest at a point where the stroke is 0 mm and smallest at a point where the stroke is 0.8 mm. In the case indicated by an alternate long and short dashed line for $\theta = 15^\circ$, the depression force exhibits an intermediate value between $\theta = 0^\circ$ and $\theta = 30^\circ$. It is preferable that necessary depression forces are obtained for the respective strokes with appropriate differences among them. If the depression forces fall within the range of this experiment, they can be put into practical use.

In FIG. 7A a sectional view for explaining the operational diagram shown in FIG. 7C is illustrated, and in FIG. 7B an enlarged sectional view shown in FIG. 7A is illustrated, respectively.

As shown in FIGS. 8A, 8B and 8C, when an appropriate curved surface is formed on the mounting plane 5d of the second lever 5b to extend from its distal end toward the support rod 4, the contact angle defined by the mounting plane 5d and the sensing rod 3 can be set at an optimum value for rotation of the pushing-up cam 5. Then, necessary depression forces can be maintained throughout the wide range of strokes with the appropriate differences among them.

In FIG. 9, a projection 5e is formed on a portion of the first lever 5a of the pushing-up cam 5 of this embodiment which is abutted against the piezo-electric actuating element 6. When the projection 5e is provided, contact between the first lever 5a and the piezo-electric actuating element 6 becomes smooth, and the displacing movement of the piezo-electric actuating element 6 can be efficiently converted to the vertical movement.

FIG. 10 shows the second embodiment of the present invention wherein the structure of the frame body 1 of the first embodiment is partly modified. In this embodiment, the upper portion of one side surface 1c is constituted by an auxiliary side plate 1i which can be detached from an upper body 1a and a partition plate 1e. A lock-

ing pawl 1k to be engaged with a locking groove 1j of the upper body 1a and a locking hole 1m to be engaged with a locking pawl 1l of the partition plate 1e are formed in this auxiliary side plate 1i, and the auxiliary side plate 1i is fixed on the upper portion of one side surface 1c of the frame body 1 by these locking means. When support rods 4 and pushing-up cams 5 are to be built into the frame body 1, one end of each of the two support rods 4 is put in the corresponding one of two holes 1d in the other side surface 1c. Then, the pushing-up cams 5 are mounted on the two support rods 4 such that their second levers 5b intersect each other. Finally, the other end of each of the two support rods 4 is put in the corresponding one of the two holes 1d of the auxiliary side plate 1i, and the locking pawl 1k and the locking hole 1m are engaged with the locking groove 1j of the upper body 1a and the locking pawl 1l of the partition plate 1e, respectively, thereby fixing the auxiliary side plate 1i to the frame body 1.

FIG. 11 shows the third embodiment of the present invention wherein support rods 4 and pushing-up cams 5 are mounted on a cassette 11 in advance, and the cassette 11 is mounted on a frame body 1.

The U-shaped cassette 11 has the two side surfaces each of which has two holes 11a corresponding to the holes 1d in the side surface 1c of FIGS. 1 and 10 and a projection 11b to be locked in a locking hole in formed in each side surface 1c of the frame body 1. Holes 11c for allowing sensitive rods 3 to extend therethrough are formed in the upper surface of the cassette 11. The support rods 4 and the pushing-up cams 5 are mounted on this cassette 11 in the same manner as described in the first and second embodiments. Then, the cassette 11 is mounted on the frame body 1, and the projections 11b are engaged with the locking holes 1n, thereby fixing the cassette 11 to the frame body 1. According to this embodiment, since the support rods 4 and the pushing-up cams 5 are mounted on the cassette 11 in advance, assembly, maintenance, and replacement are facilitated.

In this embodiment, projecting portions 1p, for ensuring engagement with one adjacent frame body 1, and recessed portions 1q, to be engaged with the projecting portions 1p of the other adjacent frame body 1, are provided at the front and rear portions of the two side surfaces 1c of this frame body 1. These projecting portions 1p and the recessed portions 1q can be provided in the first and second embodiments as well.

FIGS. 12 to 14 are perspective views for explaining the structure and assembling method of the fourth embodiment. In the fourth embodiment, the structure of a cassette 11 is different from that of the third embodiment, and the structure of a frame body 1 is obtained by partly modifying that of the first to third embodiments. In this embodiment, as shown in FIG. 12, the cassette 11 is formed by molding a synthetic resin into an H shape. Two holes 11a similar to those of the third embodiment are formed in each of the two side surfaces of the cassette 11. Also, two projections 11d, to be fit in two recessed locking portions it formed in two side surfaces 1c of a frame body 1, and locking pawls 11e, to be engaged with recessed locking portions 1u formed in the two side surfaces 1c of the frame body 1, are provided to the cassette 11. In this embodiment, support rods 4 and pushing-up cams 5 are mounted on the cassette 11 in advance in the same manner as in the third embodiment. Thereafter, the cassette 11 is mounted on the frame body 1 from the horizontal direction such that the projections 11d are fit in the recessed locking portions it